

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
DeMotte Town Council
October 28, 2013**

In attendance were Mark Boer, Alana Bauman, Terry Schultz, Dale Eenigenburg, Jeff Cambe, Clerk-Treasurer Peggy Woods, Town Attorney Emily Waddle, Town Manager John Dyke, Office Manager Heather Tokarz, and Town Secretary Kim Kendrick.

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

Alana Bauman made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 23, 2013 meeting and was seconded by Dale Eenigenburg. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

Public Works Superintendent Bob Barton stated that the bio-solid program is coming to an end at the end of the week.

Public Works Superintendent Bob Barton said the rotor motor went bad, a crane was needed to remove the motor and it was replaced with one the department already had.

Public Works Superintendent Bob Barton said the last day of school is next week and testing is on November 7, 2013 in Indianapolis at 7 a.m. Because of the early start and difference in time zones, Public Works Superintendent Bob Barton made a request to get a hotel room the night before the testing, Council approved the request.

Public Works Superintendent Bob Barton made a request to begin looking for a new employee. He stated that there was more time for training now and he would begin training the new employee with waste water. Council gave approval to begin advertising for a new employee.

Street Superintendent Jeff Powers said the leaf pick up program began on October 14th. There were some repairs done to the vac and it is operating well.

Street Superintendent Jeff Powers stated he would like to hire Brady Powers to be a temporary leaf vac contracted employee. Motion was made by Dale Eenigenburg to hire Brady Powers and was seconded by Terry Schultz. Motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

Street Superintendent Jeff Powers said DeMotte Christian school is not yet ready for the paving on Begonia Street but due to the deterioration of the intersection, Mark Boer suggested that we go ahead and pave the intersection.

Office Manager Heather Tokarz said that security is set for the United We Stand Concert and Trunk or Treat at Spencer Park on October 31st. Four different groups will be performing and there will be 51 cars for Trunk or Treat.

Little League approached the Board regarding the \$1,000 deposit the Town Council has enforced before the season starts. Jacob Sheehy and Matt Zacharias said they could not get parents to clean up. They can attend the Park Board meeting on November 11th and then submit their plan for clean-up to the Council at the November 25th meeting.

Town Manager John Dyke said that Krooswyk Plumbing gave an estimate of \$3,200 to hook up the town water to the fountain. The work would begin in the spring and the money would come from the water control account. Motion was made to connect the fountain to the town water by Terry Schultz and was seconded by Dale Eenigenburg. Motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

Town Manager John Dyke said that a safety meeting was held on October 1st for the leaf vac employees.

Town Manager John Dyke stated that he attended the Building Code Accessibility Conference on October 23rd in Carmel Indiana and it was in interesting class.

Town Manager John Dyke stated a couple of Purdue students and professors, working on the Emergency Response Plan, visited the water tower and sewer plant.

Town Manager John Dyke said that he and Office Manager Heather Tokarz attended the IACT Conference and it was a good educational experience.

Town Manager John Dyke said the 6th Avenue drainage is complete and is working very well.

Office Manager Heather Tokarz said she would be meeting with Dan Fagen this month to look for ways to keep health insurance affordable.

Office Manager Heather Tokarz stated that a representative from Costco will be here on November 12th from 10:30a.m. until 12:30 p.m. to offer membership.

Office Manager Heather Tokarz stated that we are still trying to acquire property for Safe Route to School so the whole project will be complete.

Office Manager Heather Tokarz said that the Division Street Project will be open for bids in March and road widening will start in June or July.


Office Manager Heather Tokarz stated that the entire staff needs to complete OSHA training by December 1st and their website can be used for the training.


Office Manager Heather Tokarz said that Char Groet meets the requirements and will be taking the place of Norm Groet on the Planning Commission Board. The term expires on December 31, 2013.

Clerk-Treasurer Peggy Woods said the budget for 2014 has been approved. Motion was made by Alana Bauman to adopt budget ordinance 10282013-1 and was seconded by Terry Schultz. Motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

Office Manager Heather Tokarz said the Family Express bill has not yet been paid and the collection process will be continued.

Dale Eenigenburg made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Terry Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0.


Town Council President


Town Secretary